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Adoption of the report of the Forum on its second session

Draft report

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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[To be completed]

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The Forum has identified the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action set out below and, through the Council, requests States, United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples, the private sector and non-governmental organizations to assist in their realization.

[To be completed]

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Chapter II
Introduction

1. The Forum held its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 13 to 24 May 2002 and submitted its report to the Council.[1]

2. By its decision 2002/285, the Council decided that the second session of the Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 May 2003.

3. By its decision 2003/219, the Council took note of the provisional agenda for the second session of the Forum.

Chapter III
Theme of the session: "Indigenous children and youth"

1. The Forum considered item 3 of its agenda in the form of a high-level panel at its 2nd, 3rd and ___ meetings, on 12, 13 and ___ May 2003.

2. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the second session acted as Moderator, and presentations were made by Nina Pacari Vega, Foreign Minister of Ecuador; Jacob Doek, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of the Child; Ida Nicolaisen, member of the Forum; Lisa Garrett, a representative of indigenous youth; Nils Kastberg of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Lee Swepston of the International Labour Organization (ILO); Jones Kyazze of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and Jackie Sims of the World Health Organization (WHO).

3. Also at the same meeting, the Forum engaged in an interactive dialogue, and interventions were made by the following members of the Forum: Otilia Lux de Coti, Njuma Ekundanayo, Wilton Littlechild, Marcos Matias Alonso, Qin Xiaomei and Mililani Trask.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observer for Mexico and the following indigenous organizations: Centre for Organization, Research and Education and Assembly of First Nations.

5. At its 3rd meeting, on 13 May, the Forum continued its discussion on the item and statements were made by the observers for the following countries and organizations: Indigenous Youth from Assembly of First Nations; Elder's Caucus; Women's Caucus; World Council of Churches; Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee; Comisión Jurídica; Canada; Brazil; Finland; Japan; Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica; Consejo Indio de Sud America; Asociacion de Estudiantes Kumas Universitarios; Parakuiyo Community in Tanzania; Foundation for Aboriginal Research Action; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission; and Oficina Independiente de la Defensoria de los Pueblos Indigenas del Ecuador in America.

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[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 23* (E/2003/43/Rev.1).

6. At the same meeting, a statement was made by Ida Nicolaisen, member of the Forum and a panellist.

Action taken by the Forum

7. At its ___ meeting, on ___ May, the Forum took note of the summary of the discussions of the panel prepared by the Chairperson (E/C.19/2003/L.2).

Chapter IV
Methods of work of the Forum with the United Nations system

1. The Forum considered item 5 of its agenda at its 3rd, 4th and ___ meetings, on 13 and ___ May 2003.

2. At its 3rd meeting, on 13 May, the Forum engaged in an interactive dialogue. The following United Nations agencies made introductory statements and responded to questions raised by members of the Forum: the ILO; World Bank; WHO and UNICEF.

3. At the same meeting, the following members of the Forum made interventions: Otilia Lux de Coti, Yuji Iwasawa, Antonio Jacanamijoy, Wilton Littlechild, Wayne Lord, Marcos Matias Alonso, Ida Nicolaisen, Qin Xiaomei, Zinaida Strogalschikova, Parshuram Tamang, Mililani Trask and Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca.

4. At its 4th meeting, on 13 May, the Forum continued its discussion on item 5 and heard statements by the following members of the Forum: Njuma Ekundanayo, Ayitegan Kouevi, Wilton Littlechild, Wayne Lord, Marcos Matias Alonso, Ida Nicolaisen, Mililani Trask and Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca.

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for the following countries and organizations: World Intellectual Property Organization; Teton Sioux Nation Treaty Council and Regional and Global Organization; Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network; Lumad Peoples Movement for Peace: Hill Watch Human Rights Forum; Pacific Caucus; Rapa Nui Parliament; Aotearoa Indigenous Rights Trust; The Koani Foundation; Na Koa Ikaika o Ka La Hui Hawai'i; Dwan Adat Papua; Foundation for Aboriginal and Island Research Action; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission; International Society for Threatened Peoples; Tebtebba Foundation; Asian Caucus; Indigenous People's Caucus on Sustainable Development; the Arctic Region; Mexico; Organización Indigena Chiquitana; New Zealand; Japan; IPACC and Tamaynut Africain Indigenous Peoples Coordinating Committee; the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; International Fund for Agricultural Development; The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); the Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment; Métis National Council; Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition; United Nations Association/United States of America and United Nations Association/Afghanistan; South Asia Indigenous Women's Forum, Tonatierra; International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development; Confederacy of Treaty Six Chiefs; Foundation

for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action; Australia; Indigenous Peoples Caucus for the Permanent Forum.

Action taken by the Forum

6. At its ___ meeting, on ___ May, the Forum adopted a number of recommendations proposed under item 5 (see chap. I, sect. B, paras. ___).

Chaper V
Mandated areas

1. The Forum considered item 4 of its agenda at its 4th to ___, and ___ meetings, from 13 to ___ and on ___ May 2003.

A. Economic and social development

2. At the 4th meeting, on 13 May a statement on sub-item 4 (a) was made by the observer for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

3. At the 5th meeting, on 14 May, an interactive dialogue on the sub-item was conducted by the United Nations Forum on Forests, UN-Habitat, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Inter-American Development Bank, United Nations Development Fund (UNDP) and the following members of the Forum: Mililani Trask, Ayitegan Kouevi, Marcos Matias Alonso, Ida Nicolaisen, Parshuram Tamang, Otilia Lux de Coti, Wayne Lord, Zinaida Strogalschikova, Njuma Ekundanayo and Qin Xiaomei.

4. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

5. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for the following countries and organizations: Saami Council; Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network; Tebtebba Foundation; Bethechilokono; Mexico; Philippines; Saulteau First Nations; Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica; Centro de Estudia Aymaras of Bolivia; Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment/International Oil Working Group; Parlamento del Pueblo Qullana Aymara; Consejo Internacional de Trafados Indios; Fundación para la promoción de Conocimiento Indigena.

6. At the 6th meeting, on 14 May, the Forum continued its discussion on the sub-item and statements were made by the observers for the following countries and organizations: Brazil; Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People; Tonatierra; Canada; World Bank; American Indian Community Health; Comisión Juridica; the Indigenous Peoples Caucus on Sustainable Development; Inuit Circumpolar Conference; Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti; Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action; Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition; Pacific Caucus; Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network; Lumad Peoples Movement for Peace; Hill Watch Human Rights Forum; Consejo de Pueblos y Organizaciones Indígenas del Ecuador; Council of Spiritual Elders of Mother Earth (Turtle Islands);

Asia Indigenous Peoples' Caucus; Association of Limbu Shamans of Nepal; Confederaciones Nacionalidades Indígenas del Ecuador; and Seventh Generation.

7. At the same meeting, statements were made by the following members of the Forum: Mililani Trask; Wilton Littlechild; Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca; and Parshuram Tamang.

8. At the 7th meeting, on 15 May, the Forum continued its discussion of the sub-item and heard statements by the observers for the following countries and organizations: Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North; Yachay Wasi (Runa Simi) Quechua; Red Continental de Medios de Comunicacion Indígenas; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission; Instituto Indígena Brasileiro; Defensoria de los Pueblos Indígenas del Ecuador en America; Tebtebba Foundation; African Indigenous and Minority Peoples Organization; South Asia Indigenous Women Forum and Nepal Tamong Women Ghedurg; Ogiek Rural Integral Program; the Ibazoi Tribe in Cordeillera of the Philippines; Universidad de las Regiones Autonomas de la Costa Caribe Nicaraguense; Hmong International Human Rights Watch; Armando Ualbuena for La Organizacion Nacional Indígena de Colombia; Centro de Promocion Para el Desarrollo Comunal Init; Coordinadora Indígena Campesina Agroforestales del Peru; Peace Campaign Group; Indigenous Peoples African Coordinating Committee; Grandmothers of Mother Earth; and World Summit on Information Society.

9. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

10. Also at the same meeting, the following members of the Forum made interventions: Antonio Jacanamijoy, Otilia Lux de Coti, Marcos Matias Alonso, Ayitegan Kouevi, Ida Nicolaisen, Zinaida Strogalschikova, Mililani Trask, Njuma Ekundanayo and Wilton Littlechild.

B. Environment

11. At the 8th meeting, on 15 May, Parshuram Tamang, member of the Forum, made a statement on sub-item 4 (b).

12. At the same meeting, statements were made on the sub-item by the observers for the following countries and organizations: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Na Koa Ikaika o Ka La Hui Hawai'i; Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism; Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica; Comunidad Tayja Saruta Sarayacu; Asia Caucus; Buffalo River Dene Nation; the Seventh Generation Fund; Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples; United Native Nations Truth Network and Voice Confederation; Onyota 'A:Ka Haudenosaunee Oneida Indian Territory and Youth; Asia-Pacific Indigenous Youth Network; American Indian Community Health; Comisión Jurídica; Asociación de la Juventud Indígena; Indigenous Women of the Americas; Agogo Traditional Area of the Ashanti in Ghana; Partnership for Indigenous People's Environment; International Oil Working Group; Confederaciones Nacionalidades Indígenas del Ecuador; Defensoria de los Pueblos Indígenas del Ecuador en America; National Aboriginal Forestry Association; Centre for Organization, Research and Education; International Indigenous People's Think Tank; United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Mexico; Movement for the

Survival of the Ogoni People; Bangladesh Indigenous People's Forum; Parbatya Chaftagram Jana Samhati Samiti; Tongya; Consejo Internacional de Tratados Indios; and Saami Council.

13. At the 9th meeting, on 16 May, the Forum continued its discussions on the sub-item and statements were made by the observers for the following countries and organizations: Indonesia; Fundación para la Promocion de Canoe Indigena; Saami Council; Cordillera Peoples' Alliance; Peace Campaign Group; International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Sage Council; Tonantzin Land Institute; Tonantierra; Seventh Generation Fund; Frente Indigena Oaxaqueño; Binacional; Indigenous Peoples' Caucus for Sustainable Development; Tebtebba Foundation; Conferación Indigena Tayrona; Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity; World Bank; Associacao Awete Kaiwa; Halau Ku Mana (YOUTH); Pacific Caucus; Yachay Wasi; Kmakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawaii; Asociación de Criadores de Camelidos Andinos del Perú; Asociacion de Mujeres Indiginas Alpaqueras de la Region; Instituto Indigena de Propriedad Intelectual; Brazil; Indigenous Environmental Network; and Alianza Internacional de Pueblos Indigenas y Tribales de los Bosques Tropicales.

14. At the same meeting, the Chairman also made a statement.

15. At the 10th meeting, on 16 May, the Forum continued its discussions of the sub-item and heard statements by the observers of the following countries and organizations: Indigenous Information Network; African Indigenous Women's Organization; Inuit Circumpolar Conference; Greenland/Denmark; OPIAC; AMAAI; Habitatpro; Ethnic Minority and Indigenous Rights Organisation of Africa; Faira Aboriginal Corporation; Warâ Instituto Indigena; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission; Indigenous Peoples African Coordinating Committee; Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission; Universidad de las Regiones Autonomas de la Costa Caribe Nicaraguense; Organización Nacional Indigena de Colombia; Asamblea Nacional Indigena Plural por la Autonomia; UNDP; Ashaninka-AIDESEP; Ka Lāhui Hawaii; Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North; the Haudenosaunee Six Nations of Iroquois Confederacy of Turtle Island (North America); Ibaloi Tribe, Philippines; Assembly of First Nations; and Ogiek Rural Integral Program.

16. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the following members of the Forum: Parshuram Tamang, Wilton Littlechild, Ayitegan Kouevi, Qin Xiaomei, Ida Nicolaisen, Otilia Lux de Coti, Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca, Njuma Ekundanayo, and Antonio Jacanamijoy.

C. Health

17. At the 11th meeting, on 19 May, the Forum began its consideration of sub-item 4 (c) and Mililani Trask, member of the Forum, made a presentation.

18. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observers of the following countries and organizations: Consultoria de los Pueblos Indigenos en el Norte de Mexico; World Blind Union; Alaska Federation of Natives; Society for Threatened Peoples; American Indian Law Alliance; Centre for Organization, Research and Education, Canada; Boarding School Caucus; Confederacion de Nacionalidades Indigenas del Ecuador, Mexico; Centro de Estudios Ayuranos, Guyana; FAIRA

Aboriginal Corporation; Aotearoa Indigenous Rights Trust; Indigenous Peoples Coordinating Committee of Africa; National Council of Indigenous Women of Ecuador; Indigenous Peoples Caucus on Sustainable Development; Arctic Indigenous Region; Organizacion Nacional Indigeno de Colombia; Altai Regional Public Organization of the Kumandin Peoples; Kamakaūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawaii; Hālau kū Māna and Siksika Nation.

19. At its 12th meeting, on 19 May, the Forum continued its discussion of the sub-item and statements were made by the observers for the following countries and organizations: Chickaloon Village (Nay'dini'aa'Na); Kenya Female Advisory Organization; Pacific Caucus; Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Na Koa Ikaika o Ka La Hui Hawai'i; Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism; Indigenous Youth Caucus; International Indian Treaty Council; Indigenous Environmental Network; Asemblea Nacional Indigena Plural por la Autonomia; American Indian Law Alliance; Na Koa Ikaiko o Ka La Hui Hawai'i; Native Children's Survival, Teton Lakota Nation Treaty Council; Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights; FENOCIN-Ecuador; Indigenous Peoples' and Nations Coalition — Alaska; Pit River Indian Nation; Alaska Community Action on Toxics; Indigenous World Association; Assembly of First Nations; Instituto Tonanzin; Frente Indigena Oaxaqueno; Mujeres Mayas de Jovel Maya'ik de Chiapas Mexico; First Peoples Worldwide; Fundación para la Promoción de Conocimiento Indigena; American Indian Treaty Council Information Center; Asociacion Nabguana; Coordinadora Nacional de Pequenos y Medianos Productores de Guatemala; Association of Limba Shaman; Kulung Rai Language and Cultural Development Community; TRIPURA; Bangladesh Adivashi Forum; Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti; Hill Tracts NGO Forum; Taungya; Trinamul; Committee on Indigenous Health; Asia Caucus (Cordillera Peoples' Alliance); Center for Organization, Research and Education; American Indian Community House; Pine Ridge Reservation; Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network; Lumad Peoples Movement for Peace; Hill Watch Human Rights Forum; Assembly of First Nations; Organization of Loacan Indigenous Peoples; Consejo de Anciano del Continiente de Latino America; World Council of Churches; Defensoria de los Pueblos Indigenos del Ecuador en America; Fundacion para la Promocion de Conoc Indigenos, Brazil; Aboriginal and Islander Commission; Tin Hinan; Indigenous Peoples Survival Foundation; American Psychological Association; Yachak de Comunidad Ilumari; Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North; International Native Tradition Interchange; and Pan American Health Organization.

20. At the 13th meeting, on 20 May, the Forum continued its discussions on the sub-item of health and statements were made by the observers for the following organizations: T'suu Tina Nation; Retrieve Foundation; Fundacion de Gente Indigena Yanomami; Health Unlimited; Associacao Awaete Kaiwa; Jharkhandis Organisation for Human Rights; Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indigenas; Casa Nativa Tampa Allgo Peru; the Navajo Nation; and World Bank.

21. At the same meeting, statements were made by the following members of the Forum: Mililani Trask, Wilton Littlechild, Otilia Lux de Coti, Njuma Ekundanayo, Qin Xiaomei, Ida Nicolaisen, Parshuram Tamang and Antonio Jacanamijoy.

D. Human rights

[To be completed]

E. Culture

[To be completed]

F. Education

[To be completed]

Chapter VI
Future work of the Forum

[To be completed]

Chapter VII
Provisional agenda for the third session of the Forum

Chapter VIII
Adoption of the report of the Forum on its second session

1. At the ___ meeting, on ___ May, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Forum on its second session (E/C.19/2003/L.19).

2. At the same meeting, the Forum took note of the Chairperson's summary of the high-level panel and dialogue on indigenous children and youth (E/C.19/2003/L.2).

3. Also at the same meeting, the Forum took note of the Chairperson's summary of the discussions of the Forum at its second session (E/C.19/2003/CRP.__).

4. At the same meeting, the Forum adopted its report on its second session.

Chapter IX
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 May 2003. It held ___ formal meetings (1st to __) and a number of informal meetings.

2. At the 1st meeting, on 12 May, the session was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women. During the inauguration ceremony, the floor was given to Tadodaho Chief

Sidney Hill, an indigenous elder, and Heather Milton, a representative of indigenous youth, for a traditional indigenous welcome.

3. At the same meeting, a statement was made by Ole Henrik Magga, Chairperson of the Forum.

4. Also at the same meeting, the Assistant Secretary-General made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General.

5. At the same meeting, the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement on behalf of the High Commissioner.

6. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, and the Chairperson of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.

B. Attendance

7. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental organizations, as well as of non-governmental organizations and indigenous organizations, attended the session. The list of participants is contained in annex ___.

C. Election of officers

8. At its 1st meeting, on 13 May, the Forum re-elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Ole Henrik Magga

Vice-Chairpersons:
Njuma Ekundanayo
Antonio Jacanamijoy
Parshuram Tamang
Mililani Trask

Rapporteur:
Wilton Littlechild

D. Agenda

9. At its 1st meeting, on 12 May, the Forum adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/C.19/2003/1, which read:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Theme of the session: "Indigenous children and youth".

4. Mandated areas:

   (a) Economic and social development;

   (b) Environment;

   (c) Health;

   (d) Human rights;

   (e) Culture;

   (f) Education.

5. Methods of work of the Forum with the United Nations system.

6. Future work of the Forum.

7. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Forum.

8. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its second session.

E. Documentation

10. The documents before the Forum at its second session are listed in annex ___ to the present report.